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TITANIUM-BASED ALLOY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report conducted on International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/001496, of which the instant application is a U.S. National Stage entry. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

(1) Patent Abstracts of Japan col. 0100, no. 96 (M-469), published April 12, 1986, and JP 60 232801 A published November 19, 1985;

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- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,091,148 issued on February 25, 1992 to PRASAD;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 3,963,525 issued on June 15, 1976 to BOMBERGER, JR;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 3,605,551 issued on September 20, 1971 to STEWARD;
- (5) European Patent No. 1,162,282 published on December 12, 2001.

Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0033717 published March 21, 2002, is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited International publication;

- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,595,817 issued on June 17, 1986 to BOBROV;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,810,465 issued on March 7, 1989 to KIMURA;
- (8) European Patent No. 0,479,212 published on April 8, 1992. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note U.S. Patent No. 5,156,807 issued October 20, 1992, is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited International publication;

The following documents were cited during examination of German Patent Application No. 103 32 078.4, which is the foreign counterpart to the instant application:

- (9) German Patent No. 44 36 670 C2 published November 21, 2002;
- (10) European Patent Application No. 0 199 198 A1 published October 29, 1986; and
- (11) European Patent No. 0,479,212 published on April 8, 1992. Applicants note that this document was also cited in the International Search Report listed above.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these

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documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the International Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(2). It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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